



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 113

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House Bill No. 5312

House of Representatives, March 23, 2022

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. GARIBAY of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DAY SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SUCH SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "adult day services" means therapeutic, health and social services
3 offered in a community setting to older adults living at home who need
4 supervised care during the day.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall (1) amend the Medicaid
6 state plan to provide Medicaid coverage for adult day services, and (2)
7 increase Medicaid rates paid to providers who transport Medicaid
8 beneficiaries to or from such services to cover the cost of such
9 transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
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AGE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill will result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with requiring Medicaid coverage for adult day services for older adults under the Medicaid state plan and increasing reimbursement for transportation services to and from adult day services. The cost is dependent on the number of older adults who would qualify and choose to utilize the service and the final rates established for these services. For context, the current rate for adult day services for eligible enrollees is \$51.93 for half-day and \$77.14 for full-day, non-medical care. Rates currently include transportation costs.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to utilization of adult day services by the newly eligible group and corresponding Medicaid rates.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5312*****AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR ADULT DAY SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SUCH SERVICES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the social services commissioner to (1) amend the state Medicaid plan to provide coverage for adult day services and (2) increase the provider reimbursement rate to cover the cost of transporting beneficiaries to and from these services. The bill defines “adult day services” as therapeutic, health, and social services offered in a community setting to older adults living at home who need supervised care during the day.

Currently, Medicaid covers home- and community-based services for eligible individuals age 65 or older through the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

BACKGROUND***CHCPE***

CHCPE provides home- and community-based services for eligible individuals age 65 or older who are at risk of institutionalization. Services include care management, adult day care, homemaker services, transportation, meals-on-wheels, minor home modifications, and certain personal care assistant and assisted living services. CHCPE is funded with federal and state dollars and has separate eligibility requirements for each source of funds.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)